

To Apply for the Citizens Police Academy

If you are interested in applying for the Citizens Police Academy, you can:

- Fill out an application at the Lawrence Township Police Department
- Complete the online PDF application and email to Lt. Laird
- Visit: Lawrencetwp.com/departments/police

Please return all applications to the Lawrence Township Police Department, 2211 Lawrence Rd. Lawrence NJ 08648 to the attention of Citizens Police Academy. You will be notified if you are selected to participate in the Citizens Police Academy approximately two weeks prior to the class starting.

Application Deadline: Sept. 10

Class Size is Limited

**For information: Email Lt. Laird
RLaird@Lawrencetwp.com**



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Police Department**

2211 Lawrence Rd.

Lawrence Twp., NJ 08648

Phone: 609-896-1111

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**Chief of Police
*Christopher Longo***

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**2211 Lawrence Rd.
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For emergencies dial, 911

(609) 896-1111

For non-emergency assistance

Citizens Police Academy

What is the Citizens Police Academy?

The Citizens Police Academy is an 8-week program designed to give participants an understanding of the operation of the Lawrence Township Police Department and a working knowledge of what law enforcement entails. The classes are held once a week and are approximately 2-2.5 hours. The classes will be limited to 20 students, so register early! There is no cost for residents to participate. Participants will also receive a Citizens Police Academy polo shirt to wear to class.

Each class will provide an overview of various areas of law enforcement. The following topics will be taught during the classes:

- Organizational Structure
- Field Training
- Communications
- Motor vehicles crashes
- Intro to Law Enforcement
- Application/ Hiring Process
- Police Academy
- Driving Under the Influence

- Car Stops
- Overview of Criminal Justice System
- Search and Seizure
- Patrol Operations
- K9 Unit
- Use of Force
- Tactical Response
- Active Shooter
- Emergency Medical
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Detective Bureau
- Domestic Violence
- Internal Affairs
- Attorney General Guidelines
- Accreditation
- Community Policing

Several demonstrations will take place during the academy, in which attendees will be allowed to participate and simulate taking police actions.

Upon completion of the academy, each participant will receive a certificate of completion at graduation.

Attendance

You are expected to attend ALL sessions in order to graduate. If you have more than two absences, you may not be allowed to graduate. Out of curtesy to the instructors and your fellow students, please arrive on time.

Why Participate?

This academy provides an opportunity for citizens to develop a working knowledge of the police department and its functions. It is hoped that the instruction will strengthen the police-community relations through an educational process.

Who Can Attend?

Participants must be at least 21 years of age and reside or work in Lawrence Twp. They must be of good moral character. A background investigation will be conducted on each applicant prior to acceptance into the academy. An application for the academy must be completed and signed along with a waiver of liability. You will be notified if/ when you are accepted into the academy.

What the Academy is Not

The academy is *not* designed to make participants certified police officers nor give authority to take law enforcement action. Your participation and completion of the academy is designed to develop partnerships within the community. Graduating from the academy does *not* grant police authority to participants.

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